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SUBJECT: B.C. URGES 25 PERCENT EXPORT GAS PRICE INCREASE

1. THE B.C. ENERGY COMMISSION IS PRESENTING RECOMMENDATION TO NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD (NEB) THAT EXPORT PRICE OF B.C. GAS TO U.S. BE RAISED FROM CURRENT DLRS 1.60 PER MCF TO DLRS 2.00 PER MCF EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1. (BARRETT S NDP GOVERNMENT HAD PROPOSED INCREASE TO DLRS 2.25 PER MCF EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY THIS YEAR.) COMMISSION REPORT STATES 60 PERCENT OF NATURAL GAS CONSUMED IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST IS FOR INDUSTRIAL USE INCLUDING THERMAL GENERATION OF ELECTRICITY. REFLECTING VIEWS OF CONSERVATION-MINDED COMMISSION CHAIRMAN ANDREW THOMPSON, REPORT STATES THAT IF INCREASED PRICE RESULTS IN SWITCHES TO LESS COSTLY ENERGY SOURCES, THE RESULTS WOULD BE BENEFICIAL.

2. PRESS REPORT ON COMMISSION FINDINGS QUOTES U.S. UTILITIES EXECUTIVES AS SAYING THAT COMMISSION IS IN ERROR WHEN CLAIMING THAT NATURAL GAS IS USED FOR THERMAL GENERATION OF ELECTRICITY.

3. NEB EXPECTED TO RECEIVE COMMISSION REPORT WITHIN A WEEK.

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